RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS Oversight and Safety Division Alternative Fuels Safety Department



NOTICE TO CNG & LNG LICENSEES

RRC Adopts Amendments to Regulations for Compressed Natural Gas and Liquified Natural Gas

On January 18, 2023, the Railroad Commission of Texas (RRC) adopted amendments to 16 Texas Administrative Code (TAC), Chapter 13, *relating to Regulations for Compressed Natural Gas* [CNG], and Chapter 14, *relating to Regulations for Liquified Natural Gas* [LNG]. Most of the amendments are effective on February 7, 2023.

The amended and new rules were adopted to incorporate provisions of Senate Bill 1582 (87th Legislature, Regular Session), and other updates. Senate Bill 1582 amended Natural Resources Code §116.034 to allow required certification examinations to be performed by a proctoring service.

In conjunction with the adopted rules, the RRC has also amended four forms and adopted six new forms related to 16 TAC Chapters 13 and 14.

- CNG Form 1007 and LNG Form 2007, Cargo Tank Registration/Re-Registration
- CNG Form 1007A and LNG Form 2007A, Container Delivery Unit Registration/Re-Registration
- CNG Form 1007T and LNG Form 2007T, Cargo Tank and Container Delivery Unit Transfer
- CNG Form 1022 and LNG Form 2022, *Report of Rules Violation*
- CNG Form 1501, Completion Report for CNG Installations of Less Than 84,500 Standard Cubic Feet
- LNG Form 2501, Completion Report for LNG Installations of Less Than 15,400 Gallons Aggregate Water Capacity

The amendments to CNG Form 1007 and LNG Form 2007 separate the truck registration process into multiple forms, to make the process more efficient for the alternative fuels industry and RRC staff. The amended forms only require information for cargo tank registrations and renewals and add instructions for completing the forms.

New forms CNG Form 1007A, LNG Form 2007A, CNG Form 1007T and LNG Form 2007T were created due to the separation of CNG Form 1007 and LNG Form 2007, respectively. CNG Form 1007A and LNG Form 2007A will be submitted for container delivery unit registrations and renewals. The new forms allow licensees to submit the correct information needed to register or re-register the unit and includes instructions for completing the forms. CNG Form 1007T and LNG Form 2007T are submitted for cargo tank and container delivery unit transfers. The new forms allow licensees to submit the necessary information to transfer a currently registered unit and includes instructions for completing the forms.

New forms were created regarding complaint submission for CNG and LNG rule violations. CNG Form 1022 and LNG Form 2022 allow an individual to submit a formal complaint regarding the safety rule violations for CNG and LNG, respectively. Individuals may continue to submit anonymous complaints by calling RRC's Alternative Fuels Safety Department.

The amendments to CNG Form 1501 correct the installation capacity from standard cubic feet water volume to standard cubic feet, formatting changes and add instructions for completing the form, which will make the process more efficient for industry and RRC staff. The amendments to LNG Form 2501 are consistent with changes to CNG Form 1501; these amendments are not associated with any rule changes.

To view the adopted rules, visit the RRC website at <u>https://www.rrc.texas.gov/general-counsel/rules/proposed-rules/ and click on Chapter 13 and Chapter 14</u>.

The amended and new forms are available on the RRC website at <u>https://www.rrc.texas.gov/alternative-fuels/alternative-fuels-forms</u>.

If you have questions regarding this notice, please contact to RRC's Alternative Fuels Safety Department at 512-463-6462 and <u>lplicense@rrc.texas.gov</u>.

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